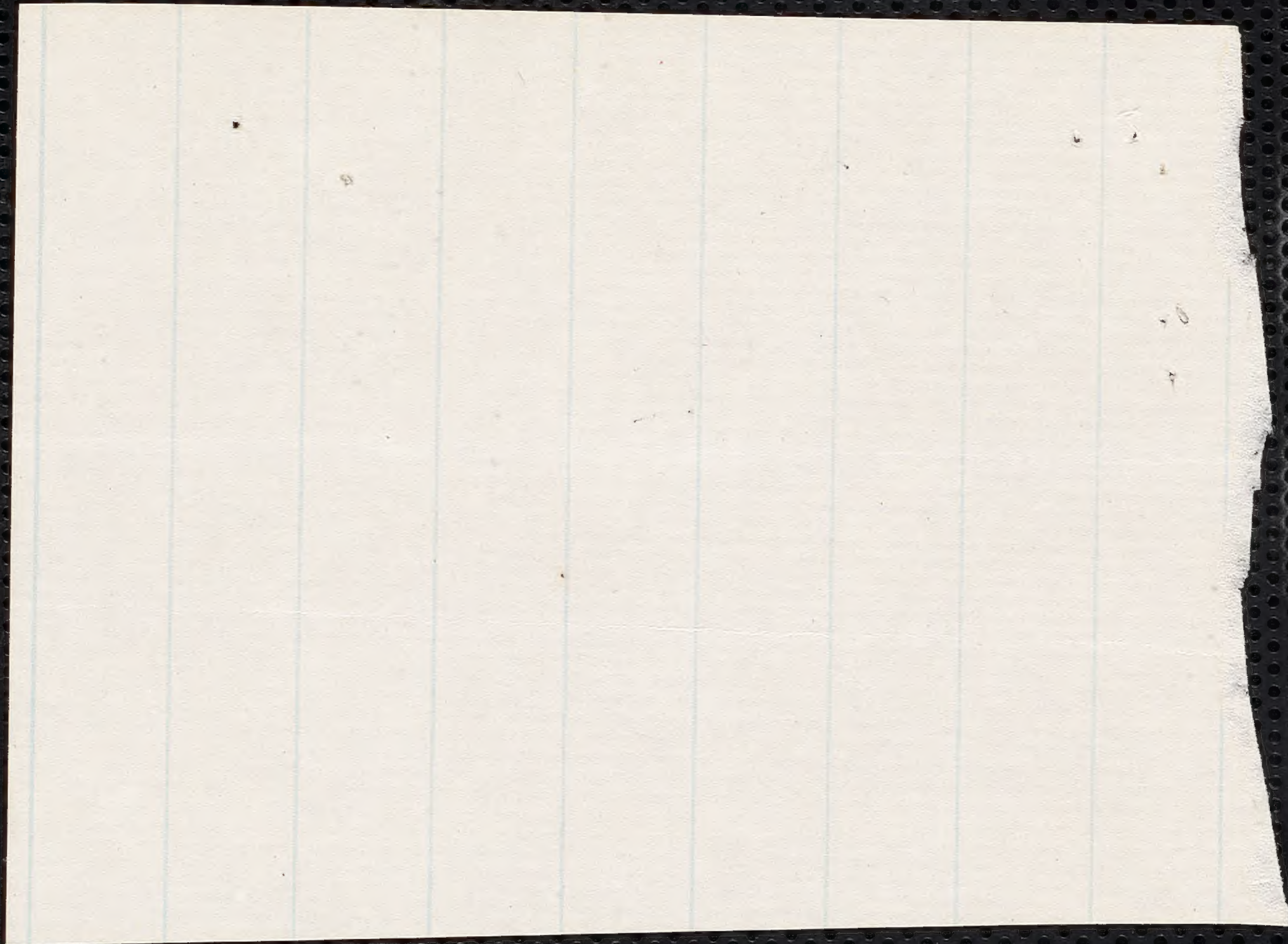


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Letter from Oliver Johnson, Philadelphia,
(Oct. - Nov. ?) 1851, giving a spiritual
communication from N. P. Rogers to
W. R. Garrison.



we had not met at all. I need not say that I feel for you all the friendship of those earlier years, ~~in the~~ when the anti-slavery movement was in its infancy—nay, that that friendship grows stronger with the lapse of time. But for my aversion to the pen, I should often communicate with you, and especially should I have consulted you in respect to my recent and present plans. You doubtless know that I have accepted the post of Editor of the Pennsylvania Freeman. I need not tell you all the reasons which induced me to come to Pennsylvania rather than stay in New York. Suffice it to say that ^{the state of} my health utterly forbade my staying longer in the office of the Tribune, where I was compelled to work a great deal in the night. I left New York early in Sept., after recovering from a severe attack of inflammation of the stomach, the effect of constant confinement and the want of adequate physical exercise. I went to Waterloo, (after spending a Sunday with Samuel J. May and speaking twice to his congregation) where I was soon joined by Mary Anne on her return from the West. Here, in the family of our dear friends the Mc Clintocks, we spent a week, and here I had a relapse of the disease spoken of above. Mary Anne applied the Water Cure very vigorously, and I was soon so far restored as to be able to pursue our journey to our friends in Vermont, and have been slowly gaining strength ever since. Early next week, after visiting a few friends hereabouts, we shall go to Philadelphia, which is hereafter

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of New York. I have the honor to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours, &c.
 J. B. Thompson

to be the place of our abode. As soon as we can look up a boarding place, and get fairly settled, I shall commence my editorial duties. I hope to make myself useful in this field, though I must sincerely distrust my qualifications to fill so high a post. I have come, however, at the warm and earnest solicitation of the leading friends of the cause in this State, and hope to give them such satisfaction that they will not want to get rid of me for some years to come. My life, as you know, has been somewhat wandering; but I now feel a strong disposition to make for myself, somewhere, a permanent home. I hope my friends here have been influenced by no exaggerated estimate of my qualifications, and therefore trust that I shall not seriously disappoint them. Certainly I shall do my best to meet their reasonable anticipations, in the hope that the relation soon to be established between us may not soon be interrupted or broken. Mary Anne will resume her lecturing, probably in this vicinity, where she has received some tokens of encouragement, making Philadelphia her head-quarters and going off in different directions and at different times as circumstances ~~will~~ may allow or suggest.

(One special reason for desiring to see you at the present time was ^{that I might} talk with you on the subject of "Spiritual Manifestations." Mary Anne and I have witnessed some most wonderful phenomena, and we no longer doubt that we hold intercourse with our departed friends.

The above is a list of the names of the persons who have been
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If I could tell you our experience, you would not wonder at the firmness of our faith. But I cannot now endure the labor of writing: I must wait till I see you.

There is one thing, however, which it is no less my pleasure than my duty to communicate, premising that it is not for publication at present. You will doubtless remember my telling you that our departed friend N. P. Rogers, who in his last days was alienated from you, sent for me in his last illness and but a day or two before his death. Mary Anne and I were on a visit to Concord at the time. Mrs. Rogers would not permit me to see him after my arrival at the house. She said he was asleep, and that she did not think it prudent to wake him. I scarcely know why, but I have always felt a strong impression that Rogers desired to see me for the purpose of sending through me to you, ^{in his dying moments,} a message of peace and love. So strongly did this conviction fasten itself upon my mind, that I have often mentioned it to my wife and to several intimate friends. I have in all probability mentioned it to you, though I am ^{not} sure that you will remember it.

After reaching Waterloo, Thomas McIntock informed ~~me~~ ^{us} that a son of our friend Azariah Schooley, who lives a few miles from the village, and whom you will no doubt remember, was often magnetized by the spirit of N. P. Rogers, and that when thus magnetized he was clairvoyant, and that he assumed the identity of N. P. Rogers, speaking for him in the first person and alluding to himself in the third. Of course this awakened our curiosity and interest, and we determined to witness the phenomenon for ~~ourselves~~ ^{ourselves}. We accordingly visited the house of friend Schooley by appointment. The boy (even by name and about 14 years of age) came into the parlor by

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request of his parents; and after taking his seat, soon gave signs of magnetic influence. In five or six ~~next~~ minutes he was in the "superior condition," and began to speak to us as N. P. R. I will give you ^{some of} the questions I asked, with his answers.

Q. J. - Friend Rogers, do you know me?

Ans. - Yes, I know you well.

Question. - Do you recollect that, during your last illness, and only a day or two before you went to the spirit land, you heard that I was in Concord and sent for me to come and see you?

Ans. - Yes, I remember it.

Ques. - Will you be kind enough to inform me whether you sent for me on that occasion for some special reason, or only as you would have sent for any other anti-slavery friend?

Ans. - I had a special object in sending for you.

Ques. - Will you tell me what that object was?

Ans. - I wanted to send a message through you to another friend of mine.

Ques. - Who was that friend?

Ans. - (After hesitating for a moment and touching the organ of individuality several times as if trying to recollect) I do not remember his name, but it was the Editor of the Liberator.

Ques. - Will you give me now the substance of the message you desired to send to friend Garrison?

Ans. - I will give you a message for friend ~~friend~~ Garrison at another time.

Ques. - When?

Ans. - At any time that you may appoint.

Ques. - Will to-morrow at 3 P. M. do?

Ans. - Yes.

Ques. - Will you meet me at Thomas McClintock's?

Ans. - Yes, if you will have Levi there.

After it was concluded that we should have another inter-

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view, we found ^{there were} several other subjects on which we desired to communicate with the clairvoyant, and as Mary Anne had an appointment to lecture at 4 o'clock, we concluded to meet (with N. P. R.'s consent,) at 2 instead of 3. The next day, at the appointed time, Levi came with his parents to Thomas McClinton's. His parents told us that they had given him no information of what he had said in the clairvoyant state the day before, and that he did not even know of the ^{then} present appointment until half an hour before starting ^{from home}. The father made the following statement: That after we left his house the day before, and while ^{he} and Levi were engaged in doing up their work at the barn, (he being a farmer,) the latter said: "Father, I am going to be magnetized; you must go with me to the house." [^{the} ~~they~~ generally has some warning before he passes into the "superior condition".] The father accordingly went into the parlor ~~and~~ with him, where he was speedily magnetized. The boy (again assuming the identity of Rogers) then said: "I want you to get pencil and paper. I foresee that we have arranged so much business for our interview to-morrow, that we shall be short of time, and therefore I wish to give you now the message for William Lloyd Garrison which I had proposed to give ^{to Oliver Johnson} ~~them~~. The father took pen and pencil, and the boy, speaking in the name of N. P. R. gave him ~~the following~~ ^a message of which the following is a copy. I have the original.

"Dear Garrison:

"Do not hesitate to receive instruction from one who has been deeply engaged ~~with you~~ in the ~~great~~ great and good cause in which you are now laboring. And as to the feeling which once existed between us

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while I was on earth, I hope it will entirely be forgotten,
as I earnestly entreat your forgiveness. I watch over you
daily, and try to influence your mind to persevere in the
holy cause to which you are so entirely devoted. At the
same time I feel a repulsion from you on account of the
feelings that formerly existed between us, and which I
sincerely hope may pass from your mind as they have from
mine, and that the same good and friendly feeling that
formerly existed between us may now be cherished. Then
I will communicate to you that which may be of some
service to you for your paper.

"I give you this at the request of a friend.

"I am your most affectionate friend,

"N. P. Rogers."

On some ~~account~~ ^{account} I should have been glad to have
been myself the amanuensis to record this communi-
cation from the lips of the clairvoyant, or at least to have
been present when it was delivered. But the character
of Azariah Schooley, whom I have known for ten years
as a man of the strictest integrity and purity of life, for-
bids all suspicion of trick or collusion. I presume the boy
does not to this day know that he has given such a
message, as they are not in the habit of informing him
of what transpires when he is the clairvoyant state. He is an
intelligent lad, of a somewhat delicate physical organization, ~~but~~
and of ~~the~~ unimpeachable moral character.

I hope you will send to the father a letter to
friend Rogers in reply to the above, to be communicated through
Levi when he is in the superior condition. Perhaps it may elicit
something further. — I am weary and can write no more. Mary Anne
unites with me in love to you and yours. Do write me. Yours, George, Oliver Johnson

